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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Koji MATSUO et al.

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Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez

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Title: SYNTHETIC QUARTZ GLASS AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION

REPLY

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.